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MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

17th-century buildings under threat - 1964

BUILDINGS in Jordan's Yard, Round Church Street and Bridge Street should be acquired by Council for preservation.

They date back to the 17th century and are worth preserving but many are reaching the end of their useful life and will soon have to be replaced.

If properly maintained and restored

they would be as attractive as the Magdalene Street properties further north. It might be difficult to maintain the complete character because some of the buildings had gone.

One of the premises is in use as a garage, others are shops and offices or houses. However there was fear that the front of the properties might be restored and the area at the rear turned into an extension of the multi-deck car park.

Britain's first gyrocopter - 1959

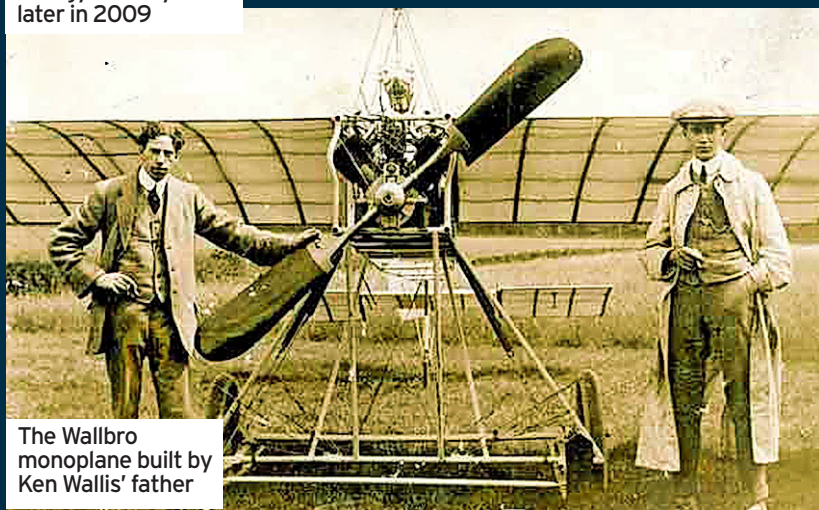


Ken Wallis with autogyros 50 years later in 2009

BRITAIN'S first Gyrocopter, an ultra-light rotary-wing machine has been built and flown by an Ely man, Wing Commander Ken Wallis, who is serving at R.A.F. Fighter Command Headquarters, Stanmore.

Power is derived from a 1,600 c.c. air-cooled two-stroke engine. Take-off is in less than 100 yards. A second much-improved version is already underway from the Wallis stable. It incorporated a totally enclosed cabin and larger wheels.

Flying and building aeroplanes is a family tradition for it way in May 1909 that his father and uncle built and flew the first aeroplane ever to be flown in Cambridgeshire.



The Wallbro monoplane built by Ken Wallis' father

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